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LOK SABHA

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BUMPER HARVEST OF GRAM CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are prospects to reap a bumper harvest of gram crop this year but the price of gram are likely to rise due to the stockists; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The production of gram which recorded a fall from 5.12 million tones in 1999-2000 to 3.52 million tonnes in 2000-01 is likely to rise to 5.07 million tones during 2001-02 as per third advance estimates of foodgrain production for the year 2001-02. In fact the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) as on 27.04.2002 shows a fall of 4.7% ascompared to the WPI a month ago and a decline of 0.2% as compared to the WPI of corresponding week last year.